

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REQUEST FORM

Today's date: 11 / 28 / 17

Date of meeting 12 / 6 / 17

(City Council meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.)

Name of Citizen, Organization, Elected Official, or Department Head making request:

Ron Stocking, Fire Chief

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Authorized by: Ron Stocking

*name of City official*

*City official's signature*

*(Department Heads, City Council members, and the Mayor are City officials.)*

Subject: Cost Recovery Proposal

Summary of what is being requested: The Fire Chief would like to brief the Council on bringing a cost recovery program to the City.

**The following information MUST be completed before submitting your request to the City Clerk:**

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1. Would there be any financial impact to the city? **Yes or No**

If yes, in what way? The City could possibly receive reimbursement from insurance companies,

for incidents involving transportation, hazardous materials and structure fires.

2. Name(s) of any individual(s) or group(s) that will be directly affected by this action:

Have they been contacted?  
**Yes or No**

N/A

3. Is there a need for a general public information or public involvement plan? **Yes or No**

If yes, please specify and suggest a method to accomplish the plan: ☒ ☐

The City would need to conduct a public hearing if the Council chooses to move forward.

4. Is an enforcement plan needed? **Yes or No** Additional funds needed? **Yes or No**  
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5. Have all the affected departments been informed about this agenda item? **Yes or No**  
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**This form must be submitted no later than 6 working days prior to the scheduled meeting. All pertinent paperwork to be distributed to City Council must be attached.**

**ITEMS WILL NOT BE AGENDIZED WITHOUT THIS FORM**

**CITY OF SANDPOINT  
AGENDA REPORT**

**DATE:** 11/28/17

**TO:** MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Ron Stocking, Fire Chief

**SUBJECT:** Cost Recovery Program

**DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:** Fire would like to brief the Council on the possibility of bringing a cost recovery program to the City. The City would hire a firm to manage the billing of insurance companies to cover expenses that are a result of transportation, hazardous materials fire extinguishment incidents.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend that the City consider a contract with a cost recovery agency for incidents that qualify and schedule a public hearing to adopt fees at a future Council meeting.

**ACTION:** Information only

**WILL THERE BE ANY FINANCIAL IMPACT?** Yes      **HAS THIS ITEM BEEN BUDGETED?**  
No

Responses to and/or recovery from emergencies and disaster requires purchases to replace supplies, periodic and scheduled maintenance on apparatus, fuel purchases, staffing expenses, cleaning and repair and/or replacement of protective gear and equipment as required by the agency or by law.

Idaho Title 39: authorizes fire departments to recover reasonable and necessary costs incurred in the course of protecting life and property that exceed the usual and customary expenses anticipated. City of Sandpoint will use the State of Idaho Fire Service Organization Rate Book to affix a response cost to all incidents where a liable party is responsible for said action. This cost will begin to offset (but is not limited to) special education and training, wear of equipment, staffing costs, fuel consumption, loss or damage to publicly owned equipment, purchase or lease of any special equipment or services required to protect the environment, community property and the public.

The Fire Department believes that its taxpayers should not be required to bear the extraordinary costs of responding to hazardous materials incidents, transportation incidents and structure fires, regardless to size, and that such extraordinary costs should be borne by the responsible party,

The City of Coeur d'Alene has had the program in existence since 2009 and has recovered \$109,000.00.

Sagle Fire District and Westside Fire Protection District also have a cost recovery program in place.